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FEAR OF ADDITIONAL ATTEMPTS PROMPTED THE SURVIVORS TO HIDE IN THE BUSHES OVERNIGHT UNTIL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES ARRIVED TO PROTECT THEM. SET FORTH BELOW IS A LIST OF PERSONS IDENTIFIED WHOSE STATEMENTS WILL CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THIS INVESTIGATION: 1. DALE PARKER AND ALL SURVIVING MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY WHO DEPARTED WITH HIM. PARKER WAS EITHER TRANSPORTED TO WASHINGTON, D. C., OR SAN FRANCISCO. NO ADDRESSES AVAILABLE. PARKER CAN PROVIDE IDENTITIES OF ALL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK AS HE WAS A RESIDENT OF JONESTOWN; 2. JIM COBB, MEMBER OF "CONCERNED

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RELATIVES" WHO CAN IDENTIFY SUBJECTS INVOLVED AS HE WITNESSED ATTACK. COBB AND ADDITIONAL PERSONS ARRIVING AT SAN FRANCISCO 5:38 PM THIS DATE AND WILL BE AT THE BELOW-LISTED CENTER; 3. AL MILLS, ALSO KNOWN AS AL MYRTLE, CURRENTLY LOCATED AT HUMAN FREEDOM CENTER, 3828 REGENT STREET, BERKLEY, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER (415) 848-1773, HOME TELEPHONE 653-8581, FORMER OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER FOR PEOPLE'S TEMPLE, SAN FRANCISCO, WHO CAN FURNISH PHOTOGRAPHS OF MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE AND CAN AID IN THE LOCATION OF COBB AND PARKER; 4. DEBBIE LAYTON, SISTER TO LARRY LAYTON - PRIME SUSPECT. SHE CAN IDENTIFY "ARMED GUARDS" AT CAMP; 5. BOB FLICK, NBC PRODUCER WHO IS CURRENTLY BEING INTERVIEWED AT SAN JUAN; 6. TIM REITTERMAN, SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER; 7. RON JAVERS, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, 8. STEVE SONG, NBC, LOS ANGELES. (REITTERMAN, JAVERS AND SONG ALL WITNESSED ATTACK AND/OR WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK); 9. JACKIE SPEAR, ASSISTANT TO CONGRESSMAN RYAN. WAS MAKING A LIST OF THOSE PERSONS TO BOARD THE PLANE AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK; 10. JAMES SCHOLLERT, ASSISTANT TO CONGRESSMAN RYAN.

FBI SAN JUAN IS NOT IN POSSESSION OF ADDRESSES OF ABOVE-MENTIONED POTENTIAL WITNESSES.

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